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YUGOSLAVIA ISSUES NEW DECREES
ON AVAILABILITY, PURCHASE OF FOOD

EASE CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS -- Zurich, Neue Zuericher Zeitung,
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On 5 May the Yugoslav government decreed the abolition of government control of meat, lean pigs, milk, potatoes, legumes, and fodder, to become effective 1 July 1951.

Heretofore, farmers were obliged to deliver their quota of these products to the state at ridiculously low prices. The state, in turn, sold the goods to urban consumers against ration coupons. As of 1 July 1951, farmers will be permitted to sell on the free market not only their surplus but their entire output of the above-mentioned products. For months these had been unattainable without ration cards in Belgrade. Prices for meat on the free market were four times as high as the price for rationed meat. So-called cash coupons will be issued to enable the consumer to buy at a price reduction of 80 percent. However, these coupons, which are also valid for the purchase of textiles and other consumers' goods at reduced prices, are not readily obtainable.

Under existing regulations farmers are still required to turn over to the state grain, including corn and rice, fats such as lard, wool, tobacco, and other agricultural products for industrial conversion. The delivery quotas for grain and lard have imposed special hardships on the farmers, and it is therefore doubtful whether the newly decreed reform will appease them. The government is not in a position to lift its levies on these principal food items completely, in view of the poor supply situation. Production of government quotas will be possible only if American fats shipments continue and if the government consents to reduce grain exports. However, the new regulations represent great progress. It is expected that the measure will lead to an increase of livestock. Under the old regulations the majority of farmers kept their livestock to a minimum because they felt that the cattle were raised not for their benefit but for the state.

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The new regulations follow the trend of the current Yugoslav economic policy: a toning down, within the total planned economy, of the Soviet pattern, and a re-establishment of free trade.

YUGOSLAV DECREE PRESCRIBES TYPES, QUANTITIES OF FOOD IN GUARANTEED SUPPLY -- Belgrade, Borba, 5 May 51

The new Yugoslav decree on the types and quantities of food in guaranteed supply [i.e., rationing] prescribes the following:

1. Consumers eligible under the rationing system are guaranteed bread, fats, sugar, and soap, in quantities based on pertinent regulations. In addition, children are guaranteed cocoa products and rice.

Eligible consumers will purchase normal quantities of the foods mentioned above with ration coupons at lower uniform retail selling prices.

All other foods, including those mentioned above [over normal quantities], which are not purchased with ration coupons will be purchased at freely formed retail selling prices, by consumers in the rationing system as well as other consumers, or they will be purchased with cash coupons at a prescribed discount or these prices.

The President of the Federal Council for Commerce prescribes which consumers in the rationing system are eligible to receive cash coupons. The quota of cash coupons for individual categories of consumers and the amount of discount are determined by the President of the Federal Council for Commerce in agreement with the Federal Minister of Finance.

2. Consumers in the rationing system are also guaranteed fuel in the same quantities and in the same manner as heretofore. Detailed regulations concerning this will be issued by the President of the Federal Council for Commerce.

3. The President of the Federal Council for Commerce is authorized to prescribe conditions under which those who are not workers, such as artisans, professionals, and similar people, and members of their families, can be accepted into the rationing system, and prescribes the foods which they can be guaranteed.

The President of the Federal Council for Commerce may prescribe that individual categories of consumers be issued prescribed quotas of cash coupons in individual months, in addition to the cash coupons which are issued regularly each month, to take care of needs that have not been anticipated.

4. Detailed instruction for implementing this decree will be issued by the President of the Federal Council for Commerce.

CASH COUPONS TO BE OBTAINED FOR PURCHASING FOOD -- Belgrade, Borba, 5 May 51

The new Yugoslav decree on the issuance and manner of using cash coupons for purchasing food at discount is as follows:

1. Consumers who, according to regulations, would have the right to a guaranteed meat supply are entitled to receive cash coupons for purchasing food at a discount.

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2. Consumers in the rationing system are divided into categories and will receive cash coupons according to their respective categories

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Consumers in the R1a category will receive 240 cash coupons monthly, Rs 240, R1a 175, R1b 175, R21 175, R1 and R21 85, R2a 85, R22 85, R2 and R22 70, R3 and R3 55, Po, Sol, and So2 50, D1 60, D2 70, D3 95, RU 40, MD (nursing mothers) 10, B 40, and T 40.

3. Consumers in the rationing system may purchase food with cash coupons at a discount of 80 percent of the freely formed retail selling price.

Consumers will pay 20 percent of the retail selling price in cash and the remainder in cash coupons.

4. The form of the cash coupons is determined by the Yugoslav People's Bank.

5. Cash coupons are valid for purchasing food in the state commercial retail network, in the state farm stores, and in cooperatives throughout Yugoslavia.

6. Commercial enterprises selling food at a discount are entitled to reimbursement for the difference in the price of goods sold at a discount for cash coupons.

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